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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Letters, In the Matter of the Development of Operational, Technical and Spectrum Requirements for Meeting Federal, State, and Local Public Safety Communication Requirements Through the Year 2010, Establishment of Rules and Requirements for Priority Access Service, WT Docket No. 96-86

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of the Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) Program and pursuant to Section 1.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.12 (1999), enclosed herewith for filing are an original and four (4) copies of the PSWN Program's ex parte letters to Chairman Kennard and the individual Commissioners in the above-referenced proceeding.

Kindly date-stamp the additional, marked copy of this cover letter and return it in the envelope provided.

Should you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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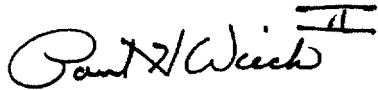
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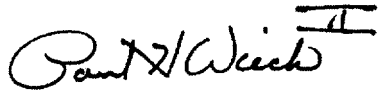
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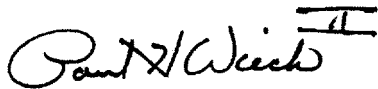
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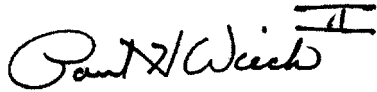
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December 27, 2000

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**Re: Ex Parte Letter, Request for Meeting
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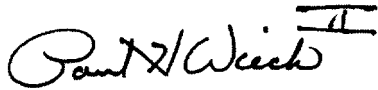
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